



# Wylie City Council

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## **Minutes Special Called Retreat Wylie City Council Meeting**

**February 12, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Wylie Municipal Complex – Council Conference Room  
300 Country Club Road, Bldg. 100  
Wylie, TX 75098**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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*Announce the presence of a Quorum.*

Mayor Eric Hogue called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with the following Wylie City Council members present: Mayor pro tem Red Byboth, Councilwoman Kathy Spillyards, Councilman Carter Porter, Councilman Rick White, Councilman Bennie Jones and Councilman David Goss.

Staff present included: City Manager, Mindy Manson and City Secretary, Carole Ehrlich.

### **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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Mayor pro tem Byboth gave the invocation and Mayor Hogue led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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#### **1. Ice Breaker (Mayor Eric Hogue)**

Mayor Hogue did a brief ice breaker before starting the business discussion.

#### **2. Policy Discussion Items:**

- *Consideration and discussion on possible future adoption of a Code of Ethics*

Council members discussed the need to create a Council Code of Ethics. Members discussed state and federal laws governing ethics such as Conflict of Interest laws, felony laws, home rule charter requirements and other items governing the ethics of elected public officials. Council

members discussed who would police ethical policies if created and be the judge of violations to those policies. Some members felt current city, state and federal laws covered ethical violations and dealt with those violations effectively.

Member discussed the need for policies governing the conduct of appointed officers and state and federal laws currently in place to assure proper conduct was adhered to. Additionally council members discussed the need for board chairs to address issues as they arise, noting that appointed officers such as board members serve at the pleasure of the council. Members suggested including some education to new board members regarding their conduct while transacting city business.

No direction was given to staff to place this item on a future agenda.

- *Consideration and discussion on possible future adoption of a Travel Policy for Council*

Council members discussed travel and the need for a Council Travel Policy. City Manager Manson reported that currently there is funding in the council budget each year for travel. Each council member notifies staff when they wish to attend a conference. Conferences are open to all council members however when funds in the budget are depleted, no other travel is provided for that fiscal year. Members discussed the difference between "city representation conferences" and "educational conferences" and the benefits of educational conferences. Council members also discussed the need to be prudent in the number of conferences attended in this economic climate.

Direction was given to staff to send a list of scheduled educational conferences coming up within the upcoming fiscal year so council members could contact staff regarding their desire to attend any of those conferences. Staff would then place those items in the proposed council budget for further discussion during the budget work sessions.

### **3. Discussion of Council Member's short term goals and expectations.**

Council members discussed short term goals and expectations. Some of the priority goals for the short term included:

- **Grand Opening of the Wylie Municipal Complex**
  1. Planning Work Sessions
- **Communications**
  1. Marketing – High Priority
  2. Other medias to utilize
  3. Market focus Wylie at the Regional and State levels
- **Code Enforcement**
  1. Review Garage Sale Policy
  2. Code Violations – Proactive versus Reactive and cost of funding
  3. Education to citizens regarding code regulations
- **Public Safety**
  1. External Communication and Follow-up

- **Departmental Reporting to Council Annually**
- **Green Education**
  1. Focusing on Recycling, Green Space and alternative energy including funding costs.

**4. Discussion of Council Member's long term goals and expectations.**

Council members discussed long term goals extending over the next 5 year period. Focus items included in the discussion in order of priority include:

- **KCS Railroad Industrial and Warehouse Development**
- **Industrial Development**
- **Retail Development (SH 544 and SH 78)**
- **Focus on land close to the new George Bush East Extension**
- **Fire Station #4**
- **Public Safety Building**
- **Wells Property**
  1. Park Development
  2. Nature Trails (to extend past the Wells Property)
  3. Amphitheater
  4. Water Park
- **Lake Lavon/Ray Hubbard Development**
  1. Fishing Tournaments
  2. Beach area development and better access
- **Senior Center**
- **Residential Development**

**5. Direction to staff to place items on future agendas.**

Direction to staff regarding future agenda items included:

- Grand Opening Work Sessions to schedule and plan the event
- Department Annual Reports
- Review of current sign ordinance

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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A motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Jones to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
 Carole Ehrlich, City Secretary

